

DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 6th May - the sixth Sunday of Easter

9:45am Morning Service (*St Botolph's*)
11:00am Communion Service (*St Peter's*)
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

Monday 7th May

7:45pm Christianity Explored (*31 St Peter's Street*)

Tuesday 8th May

12 noon Tuesday Community Group (*The Hall*)
7:45pm Life Explored (*The Vicarage*)

Wednesday 9th May

10:30am Midweek Communion Service (*St Peter's*)
3:00pm Vicar's Vestry Hour (*St Botolph's Vestry*)
7:45pm Discipleship Explored (*The Vicarage*)
8:00pm Churchwardens' service (*Dedham*)

Thursday 10th May — Ascension Day

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (*in Church*)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (*in Church*)
7:30pm Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)
7:45pm Leadership Explored (*The Vicarage*)

Friday 11th May

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (*in Church*)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (*in Church*)
7:30pm "Coffee, cake & bunting" (*the Vicarage*)

Saturday 12th May

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (*in Church*)
10:00am Church Society Conference (*N14 4PS*)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (*in Church*)

Sunday 13th May - the seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00am Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (*in Church*)
9:45am Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)
11:00am Morning Service (*St Peter's*)
5:00pm Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (*in Church*)
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)



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CHURCH NOTICES

Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come" (10th-20th May).

This nationwide initiative is to pray for people to come to know the Lord Jesus for themselves, in the ten-day period between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Please commit to praying with us, either in church each day at 9am or 5pm, or on your own. More details online (or by post if preferred).

The Tuesday Community Group will meet on the 8th May and 22nd May, starting at 12 noon with a light lunch and continuing with the *Life Explored* material.

The 'swearing-in' service for our Churchwardens (Dan Watts & Wendy Whitfield) will be on Wednesday 9th May at 8:00pm, at Dedham Parish Church.

The Holy Communion Service on Ascension Day (Thursday 10th May) will be at St Botolph's Church, starting at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

There will be a "Coffee, cake and bunting-making evening" at the Vicarage on Friday 11th May, from 7:30pm. Anyone is welcome to come and help; absolutely no skills necessary! Please let Lizzie Wallace know if you'd like to join her (07540 261948).

The annual Church Society Conference will be on Saturday (12th May), in north London. If you would like to know more, or would like a lift, please speak to Mark (572641).

The Funeral of the late Ray Chandler will be on Tuesday 15th May, at 10:15am, at the Colchester Crematorium. All are welcome.

The Women's Breakfast will be on Saturday 19th May (9:00-10:30am) in the Church Hall. For more information, please contact Lizzie Wallace (07540 261948).

The next 'full' meeting of the PCC (the Parochial Church Council, as elected at last month's APCM) will be on Saturday 9th June.

We are delighted to hear that Rev Matt Simpkins, formally of St Peter's, has been appointed to be the next Priest-in-Charge of St Leonard's Church, Lexden. He will be licensed on Thursday 6th September.

The loop system in church is now working again. If you need any assistance, or if you experience any problems with volume levels, please let a member of the Welcome Team or a Churchwarden know as soon as possible.

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A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Our Family Service today is led by Rev Aella Gage. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the Welcoming Team or contact any of the people in the "Contact details" section at the back of this leaflet. Please note that we do not take a collection during the service: if you would like to give, please use the box towards the back of church.

Thank you for joining us today.

Family Communion Service

Sunday 6th May 2018

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING"

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat

Lift up your heart... above.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart...

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

FIRST BIBLE READING: Exodus 20 v 1-17

page 61; read by Amos Watts

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TALK - part 1

SECOND BIBLE READING: John 8 v 31-44

page 894-895; read by Peter Holden

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TALK - part 2

"ALL MY DAYS"

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails:
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated, and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign over all.*

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
where countless worshippers will share one song
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

Beautiful Saviour...

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THE COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Sheila Lloyd

These responses may be used during the prayers
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

“BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE”

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see Him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb;
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I am,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by His blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high;
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Vikki Cook (adapted from C.L. Bancroft), © 1997, Sovereign Grace Worship

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings
given to us in the Scriptures.

Let us therefore examine ourselves
and repent of our sins.
Let us give thanks to God for his redemption
of the world through his Son Jesus Christ,
and as we remember Christ's death for us,
and receive this pledge of his love,
let us resolve to serve him
in holiness and righteousness
all the days of our life.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full
acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anybody sins, we have an advocate with the
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; he is the
propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as
to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYERS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we thank you that in your tender mercy
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
he made there a full atonement
for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself;
He instituted,
and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

In the same night that he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

**“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,

**“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.” Amen.**

*When ushered, please come forwards to receive the
bread and wine (or for a prayer of blessing, if preferred).*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE NOTICES

“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temple leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Finish then your new creation:
pure and sinless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
there to cast our crowns before you,
lost in wonder, love and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

THE CLOSING PRAYERS